Message from UNLWC 2023-24 President, Marilyn Schnepf

Dear UNLWC Members,

Welcome to a new club year of exciting activities, with opportunities to meet new members and to aid UNL students with scholarships, Husker Pantry donations, and other services. I have been a member of UNLWC for about eight years since I retired from the University. I have found the opportunities to meet new people and engage in many activities very fulfilling.

Founded in 1894, UNLWC continues to be a vibrant organization, with many activities and opportunities for its members. Our mission is “to promote friendship among members, to strengthen their bond of common interest, and to provide service to the University including funding scholarships.” I am sure you will find many opportunities to help UNL students, participate in interesting meetings, and meet new friends.

Our first event is the Fall Welcome at the home of University of Nebraska President Ted Carter and his wife Lynda. UNLWC members are guests of the University of Nebraska President’s Office. If you have friends or associates interested in the Women’s Club, please encourage them to join before August 31st so they will be eligible to receive an invitation to the Fall Welcome.

Current Board members are busy working on UNLWC events for this fall. The Fall Tour will be a visit to Beatrice NE, and the Fall Hors d’Oeuvres will be held at the International Quilt Museum. At the Fall Welcome you will be able to learn about the variety of Interest Groups that you may want to participate in. Please read this Newsletter for more information about the many activities available to members.

Our website (www.unl.edu/womensclub) is a great source about our organization. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year. I am very grateful to all the Board members who are working on this year’s activities. I am sure you will find many activities and meet many members who will add joy and fun to your lives.
Fall Welcome Luncheon
Wednesday, September 13th

Members are invited to attend the Fall Welcome Luncheon at the home of Ted and Lynda Carter, President of the University of Nebraska System.

This is a members-only event. Members please check your email for an invitation and RSVP as requested.

Fall Hors d’Oeuvres
Wednesday, November 8th

Our November event will be held at the International Quilt Museum. An informational email, including registration details, will be sent to members when we finalize this event. Co-Chairs are Marjorie Kostelnik and Jill Bates.

Fall Tour
Wednesday, October 11

A special day touring the Homestead National Monument and visiting spots of interest in Beatrice, including lunch, has been planned for your enjoyment.

We will meet at 7:45 a.m. at Christ Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney, and carpool to Homestead National Monument located four miles west of Beatrice. Following rolls and beverage from Sunrise Bakery, we will be treated to a private tour and presentation by Historian Jonathan Fairchild entitled “Planted in the Soil: The Homestead Act, Women Homesteaders, and the 19th Amendment.” This program gives a focused look on hundreds of thousands of women who joined a historically enfranchised class of landowners and used their newfound economic power to push for equality in the eyes of the law. We will learn how women homesteaders helped lead the way to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.

Following our tour, we will travel to Beatrice, stop at Grandma’s Fruitcakes, and then enjoy lunch at the Black Crow. Following the meal, we will visit Yesterday’s Lady and Cedar Creek Pottery before returning to Lincoln at 4:00.

Locations are easily accessible on the first floor of all buildings. Some walking is required (2-3 blocks). Parking is available near all locations.

Cost of the Fall Tour is $38. Refunds will not be available for tour cancellations.

Please contact any of the three Co-Chairs if you have questions: Julie Albrecht, Cheryl Alberts, or Valerie Ellsworth.

A UNLWC Fall Tour Registration form will be sent to members via email. Please return the form and your check to Nancy Weller by Friday, September 15th.
**UNLWC Represented at Big 10 University Club Conference**

Marilynn Schnepf and Karen Buckley, president and past president, represented UNLWC at the Big 10 University Club Conference, held June 11-13 at Michigan State University.

Karen is pictured with the featured speaker, Mona Hanna-Attisha, author of “What the Eyes Don’t See; A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City.” Dr. Hanna-Attisha, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends and community members, discovered the children of Flint, MI were being exposed to lead in their tap water. Her book is part memoir and part expose and becomes a story of hope as Flint citizens have forged a new path to a better world for their children.

Other activities included a campus tour, luncheon at the Cowles House, official residence of the MSU president, and opportunities to network with other Big-10 university clubs. Twelve of the fourteen Big-10 Universities participated in the conference. The two newest members, Maryland and Rutgers, did not send representatives. The next Big-10 conference will be in Iowa City in 2025; Nebraska will host the conference in 2029.

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**Meet our 2023-24 Board Members**

- President: Marilynn Schnepf
- President-Elect: Cheryl Trzupek
- Second VP/Newcomers: Arlene Smith
- Second VP/Membership: Joyce Besch
- Recording Secretary: TBA
- Co-Treasurers: Jessie Waller and Nancy Weller

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**UNLWC 2023-24 Committee Chairs**

- Advisor / Parliamentarian: Karen Buckley
- Courtesy: Diane Mohrhoff
- Fall Tour: Julie Albrecht, Cheryl Alberts, and Valerie Ellsworth
- Fall Hors d’oeuvres: Marjorie Kostelnik, Jill Bates
- Fundraising: Debby Raddatz-Portnoy
- Historian: Brenda Keith
- Hospitality: Diane McCallister
- Interest Groups: Penny McCord
- Newsletter: Jill Bates
- Programs: Kay Rockwell
- Publicity / Communications: Ivette Bender
- Scholarship: Kelly Powell, Charlotte Frank, and Tina Shrader
- Spring Luncheon: Deb Miller, Karen Buckley
- Telephone: Gail O’Hanlon
- Webmaster: Kelly Powell
Fundraising

The generosity of UNL Women’s Club members and friends remained steadfast, continuing to fulfill our mission to students at UNL through fundraising efforts and direct donations.

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, approximately 110 individuals donated a total of $12,385, which included a $1,400 donation from UNLWC as a result of their overall budget savings.

The annual basket raffle was held again at the Spring Luncheon. There were 16 unique baskets provided by the interest groups and some individuals. The raffle brought in $981. The Piecemakers interest group donated a beautiful handmade quilted wall hanging which made $370 in raffle ticket sales. The total from the baskets and quilt raffle was $1,351 which all went to our scholarship fund.

The grand total for 2022-23 year was $13,736. These fundraising efforts are evidence that our tradition remains strong and that our membership is steadfast in their support of UNL and the students who make academic excellence a priority.

2023-2024 Scholarship Awardees

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<td>Allison Kassing</td>
<td>Human Dev./Spanish</td>
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<td>Hannah Nguyen</td>
<td>Biochemistry</td>
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<td>Rachel Summers</td>
<td>Environmental Studies/Poli.Sci.</td>
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<td>Enma Cavalier</td>
<td>Sociology/Poli.Sci.</td>
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<td>Paul Pechous</td>
<td>Special Education</td>
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<td>Danielle Koch</td>
<td>Psychology</td>
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<td>Sydney K. Spanel</td>
<td>Elementary Education</td>
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<td>Sydney Gray</td>
<td>Business Administration</td>
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<td>Kylee Preuss</td>
<td>Human Dev./Education</td>
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<td>Lily Weindel</td>
<td>Elementary Ed./Sociology</td>
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<td>Landyn Leigh Cole</td>
<td>English/Poli.Sci. &amp; Human Rights</td>
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Scholarship Awardees Express their Appreciation

The 11 scholarship awardees expressed their appreciation for the scholarship as they accepted it via email.

Here are a few of their responses:

- It is an honor to be nominated for this scholarship. Thank you, the selections committee, and the entire UNL Women’s Club for this great opportunity. I am humbled and grateful for your support. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you. I’m always happy to help!
  
  Thanks again, Paul Pechous

- I am honored to receive this scholarship and thank you so much for this opportunity. I can’t wait to meet you all in the Spring!
  
  Best, Emma Cavalier

- Thank you so much for the scholarship offer. I look forward to meeting the group in person whenever we meet to take the group photo.
  
  Thank you, Dani Koch

- Thank you so much for this incredible scholarship! I absolutely 100% accept!
  
  Sincerely, Kylee Preuss
UNL Women’s Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women’s Club where our mission statement comes alive. These small groups are where acquaintances develop into friendships, common interests grow into strong bonds, and our desire to serve the University turns into action. Sign up at the Fall Welcome Luncheon or contact the Interest Group Chair listed. If you have a new idea or are willing to help organize a new group, such as wine tasting, bunco, or some other new group, contact Penny McCord, pmccord23@icloud.com.

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<th>Interest Group</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>When They Meet</th>
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<td>Arts &amp; Crafts</td>
<td>Newer group again this fall. Members to help determine group activities.</td>
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<td>Kem To Cheryl Alberts</td>
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<td>Book Clubs</td>
<td>For all who enjoying reading and discussing books with friends.</td>
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<td>Book Club I</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Judy Jensen</td>
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<td>Book Club II (Chapter 2)</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Deb Miller, Chris Wilhelm</td>
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<td>Book Club III</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Bonnie Varvel</td>
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<td>Bridge Groups</td>
<td>Meet monthly for bridge and friendship. Most are open for new or substitute members. A new group could be established if enough people are interested.</td>
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<td>Afternoon Bridge</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 11:30-3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Janice Lawrence</td>
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<td>Evening Bridge</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Kem To</td>
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<td>Bridge Marathon</td>
<td>Monthly October - April</td>
<td>Kay Rockwell</td>
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<td>Community Outreach</td>
<td>Provides support to UNL students and Lincoln community</td>
<td>Varies by project, i.e. Husker Pantry</td>
<td>Husker Pantry: Tina Shrader</td>
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<td>Couples Gourmet</td>
<td>Monthly during the academic year</td>
<td>Laura Damuth</td>
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<td>Nooners</td>
<td>Members meet for lunch or dinner out, signing up to choose the restaurant and time, and making reservations for the group.</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, beginning in October</td>
<td>Cathi Haisch</td>
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<td>Group Therapy (aka Ladies Night)</td>
<td>Dinner out at various local eateries.</td>
<td>Varies, Usually the third week of the month</td>
<td>Miniam McCormick, Kelly Powell</td>
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<td>International Club</td>
<td>Programs with guest speakers or lunch outings to learn about other countries and cultures.</td>
<td>Monthly. Dates and time vary.</td>
<td>Kay Rockwell, Pat Hurley, Sarah Purcell, Cheryl Trzupak, Chair S. TBD</td>
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<td>Meals on Wheels</td>
<td>Delivers hot meals to the elderly and disabled.</td>
<td>1 to 1-1/2 hours monthly</td>
<td>Chris Read. Tabitha trains and schedules. Contact Chris if you'd like to help or ride along.</td>
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<td>Newcomers &amp; Friends</td>
<td>New members + others who wish to participate in activities.</td>
<td>Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation at a variety of locations.</td>
<td>Arlene Smith</td>
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<td>Piecemakers</td>
<td>Quilting group. Beginners Welcome. Non-quilters welcome to bring needework project and join in.</td>
<td>Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - noon. Location varies.</td>
<td>Jeanne Foster</td>
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<td>Variety Club</td>
<td>Join in different activities (movies, lunch, discussion, volunteering, performances, etc.)</td>
<td>Times and dates vary.</td>
<td>Karen Buckley, Chris Wilhelm, Annette Watts</td>
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Husker Pantry

Personal Care Needs Donation Opportunity

In UNLWC’s continuing effort to support UNL students we will be collecting personal care items for the Husker Pantry on Wednesday, August 23 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Holmes Lake Park in the gravel parking lot next to the playground.

Make a morning of it by joining Newcomers and Friends for coffee and conversation.

In Memory

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy. It also states that each year a memorial donation of $300 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have passed away. This donation from UNL Women’s Club is sent in April along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the gift is made.

Here are the names of members who were recognized by the club with a monetary donation to the Foundation.

Mary Schkade
Judith Schutz
Georgia Ann Raun
Elizabeth LaRue
Jane Clegg

Membership Dues and Fundraising for UNL Scholarships

Membership renewal forms will be mailed along with a fundraising letter again this year. Please watch for this mailing in mid-August. Your dues are payable by September 30th. Dues are $25 before September 30 and $30 after that date.

Newcomers and Friends meet for coffee every Wednesday morning at 9:30. The locations vary, sometime depending on the weather. During the summer, you may find the group at Holmes Lake. They also meet at local coffee houses. Please know that everyone is invited! The conversation is lively, and you are always welcome.
UNLWC Snapshots

Spring Luncheon

Tina & Pantry

Marilynn & Karen meet Sparty at MSU

Fun in Ashland with Variety Club

Newcomers greet an unexpected guest

Group Therapy at Glacial Till Winery

Interest Groups Chair Appreciation Luncheon